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CASA 24/81 Antonio HUSMAN

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Antonio Husman was detained on 24 April 1981 by the local commander of Juayua in the department of Sonsonate. He is believed to have been taken to the Centro de Instrucción de Reclutas de la Fuerza Armada (CIRFA), Instruction Centre for Army Recruits at the army barracks in Sonsonate. Colonel Maximiliano Leiva, Commander of the Sonsonate barracks denied that Antonio Husman is being held there. One source was shown a record book of detentions at the barracks where Antonio Husman's name was not listed but another source was shown a different record book of detentions where Antonio Husman's name was listed as detained on 25 April with the word 'incomunicado' written beside the name.

Antonio Husman, a Salvadorian national, had been living for 10 years in Washington DC, United States, and had returned to El Salvador shortly before his arrest in order to obtain an immigration visa from the United States Embassy in San Salvador.

Recommended Action:

Telegrams/express letters expressing concern about the arrest of Antonio Husman, requesting clarification of where he is being held, and urging that his safety be guaranteed while in detention.

Please write appeals in a personal capacity and avoid using Amnesty International's name.

Appeals to:

Cor. Maximiliano Leiva
Comandante de Sonsonate,
Sonsonate, Departamento de Sonsonate, El Salvador

army commander in
Sonsonate

Comandante
Juayua, Departamento de Sonsonate, El Salvador

Copies to the Salvadorian diplomatic representatives in your country.